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FOR:

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

#### REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

#### RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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#### CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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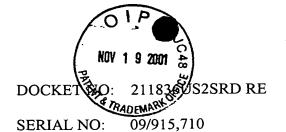
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### STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

# Reference AO (JP 5-41541) on Form 1449:

This reference shows a similar devices structure containing AlN buffer layer deposited on nitridation treated sapphire substrate. However, the shape effect ob buffer layer is not mentioned.

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